

*Fact Sheet
July 2004*

Pomona Unified School District Proposes New School at West Mission Boulevard and White Avenue

POMONA, CALIFORNIA

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Public Comment Period

We encourage you to review and comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan and the California Environmental Quality Act, Notice of Exemption for the proposed new school at West Mission Boulevard and White Avenue. Department of Toxic Substances Control will conduct a 30-day Public Comment Period which begins on Thursday, July 1, 2004 and end on Friday, July 30, 2004. All mail must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2004. Emailed comments must be sent to the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the same date.

Mail written comments to:

DTSC
Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
or via email at ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov

If you have any questions or require additional information concerning this fact sheet, please call Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3651.

Why am I receiving this fact sheet?

This fact sheet is being provided to you to inform you of a public comment period on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) submitted to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the newly proposed school at Mission and White located at 701-745 South White Avenue, Pomona, California (See site map).

What this fact sheet will inform you:

- Overall site history and background
- What was found at the site
- What is a Draft RAW (Proposed cleanup remedy)
- California Environmental Quality Act- Notice of Exemption
- Public involvement opportunities
- Project contacts
- Future activities

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Overall site history and background

The property consists of two parcels, the West Mission Boulevard (Area 1) and South White Avenue (Area 2). The total acreage purchased by the PUSD is 8.2 acres for the proposed school site. (See page 5)

The northern portion of Area 1, was used as a mortuary and associated crematory (Blackman Mortuary) between 1939 and 1989. Additionally, a small structure and domestic dwellings also existed in this area. The remaining portion of Area 1 was used as agricultural land.

In the last 50 years, the eastern portion of Area 2, was used for agricultural and poultry farming. A small domestic dwelling also occupied the area. The remaining portion of the site, west of the domestic dwelling was used for agricultural purposes.

What was found at the site?

The PUSD submitted a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) to DTSC for the assessment of contaminations that might be present on the site. The PEA was conducted to determine whether past or current practices resulted in a release or threatened release of hazardous substances that may pose a threat to public health and/or the environment. Soil samples were taken throughout the site and laboratory results from the soil sampling revealed elevated levels of Dieldrin.

Chemical of Concern	Elevated Levels	DTSC Cleanup Requirement
Dieldrin	.831 ppm	.034 ppm



What is a Removal Action Workplan? (Proposed Cleanup Activities)

The primary objective of the Draft RAW is to plan a removal action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate potential risks to public health and/or the environment. The Draft RAW summarizes previous studies, compares available removal alternatives, and proposes removal options. The Draft RAW also focuses on remediation as it relates to the removal of contaminated soil.

The following cleanup methods are recommended for the site:

- The top 1.0 to 2.0 feet of soil will be dug up and taken away to a certified landfill.
- An approximately 44 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed from Area 1 and 2.

The Draft RAW also identifies the possible removal alternatives. Removal alternatives are evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to implement, and cost. Several cleanup techniques using these criteria was conducted to select removal

actions for further evaluation. Based on this evaluation, three possible alternatives were selected for further evaluation:

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Containment through Surface Capping

Alternative 3 – Excavation and Off-Site Disposal

Based on the removal selection process, Alternative 3 – Excavation and Offsite Disposal has been chosen as the preferred cleanup alternative. This alternative was selected because it was determined to be the most protective of human health and the environment, easily implemented and cost effective.

Before DTSC makes a final decision to approve or deny the Draft RAW, it is being made available for a 30-day public review and comment period.

What will I see during the cleanup?

Contractors will dig up a total of 44 cubic yards of contaminated soil from both sites.

Fencing

The areas where the digging will occur will be secured by a fence and /or barriers as necessary so that unauthorized personnel cannot enter the work area.

Hours of Fieldwork

The digging will take place Monday through Friday during the approximate hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Truck Route

Construction equipment, such as front-end loaders equipped with a backhoe, will be used to dig the soil. The contaminated soil will be loaded directly onto transport trucks and taken away to an off-site disposal facility. It is anticipated that about 3 truckloads will be needed to haul the soil from the site. The soil removal activities are expected to be completed within 7 to 10 days.



Trucks hauling the soil will:

- exit the site and travel west on West Mission Boulevard;
- merge onto CA Highway 71 North;
- merge onto CA Highway 57 North;
- merge onto Interstate 210 West;
- merge onto Interstate 5 North;
- continue on Interstate 5 North to Kettleman City, then directly to CWMI Kettleman Hill Facility.

The landfill is located in Kettleman Hills, Kings County, California.

Traffic control measures, such as flagmen, will be used during off-site soil transportation.

Dust Suppression

The soil will be dug in a manner that reduces dust. The areas where there is digging will be watered throughout the cleanup process. Trucks will maintain slow speeds while on the property. Additionally, trucks will be covered with tarps after loading to prevent dust and Air monitoring will also be conducted during the removal action to monitor potential dust emissions.

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption (NOE)

DTSC has prepared a Draft NOE for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively small volume, short project duration, and the controlled manner in which contaminated soils will be dug up, loaded onto trucks and taken away for disposal.

Future Activities

After the public comment period has ended, DTSC will review all comments received and make a final determination to either accept or deny the Draft RAW. Anyone who submitted comments will receive DTSC's Response to Comments document. This document provides all of the comments submitted during the comment period and DTSC's response to those comments. A copy of "The Response to Comments" will be placed in the information repositories which have been established for the site at the PUSD.

A flyer announcing the beginning of construction will be sent to the Site-specific mailing list. If you are interested in receiving notification, please complete the attached mailing list coupon.

Where can I find the documents?

The Draft RAW and NOE can be reviewed at following Information Repositories:

Pomona Unified School District
800 S. Gary Avenue
Pomona, California 91766
(909) 397-4800

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30

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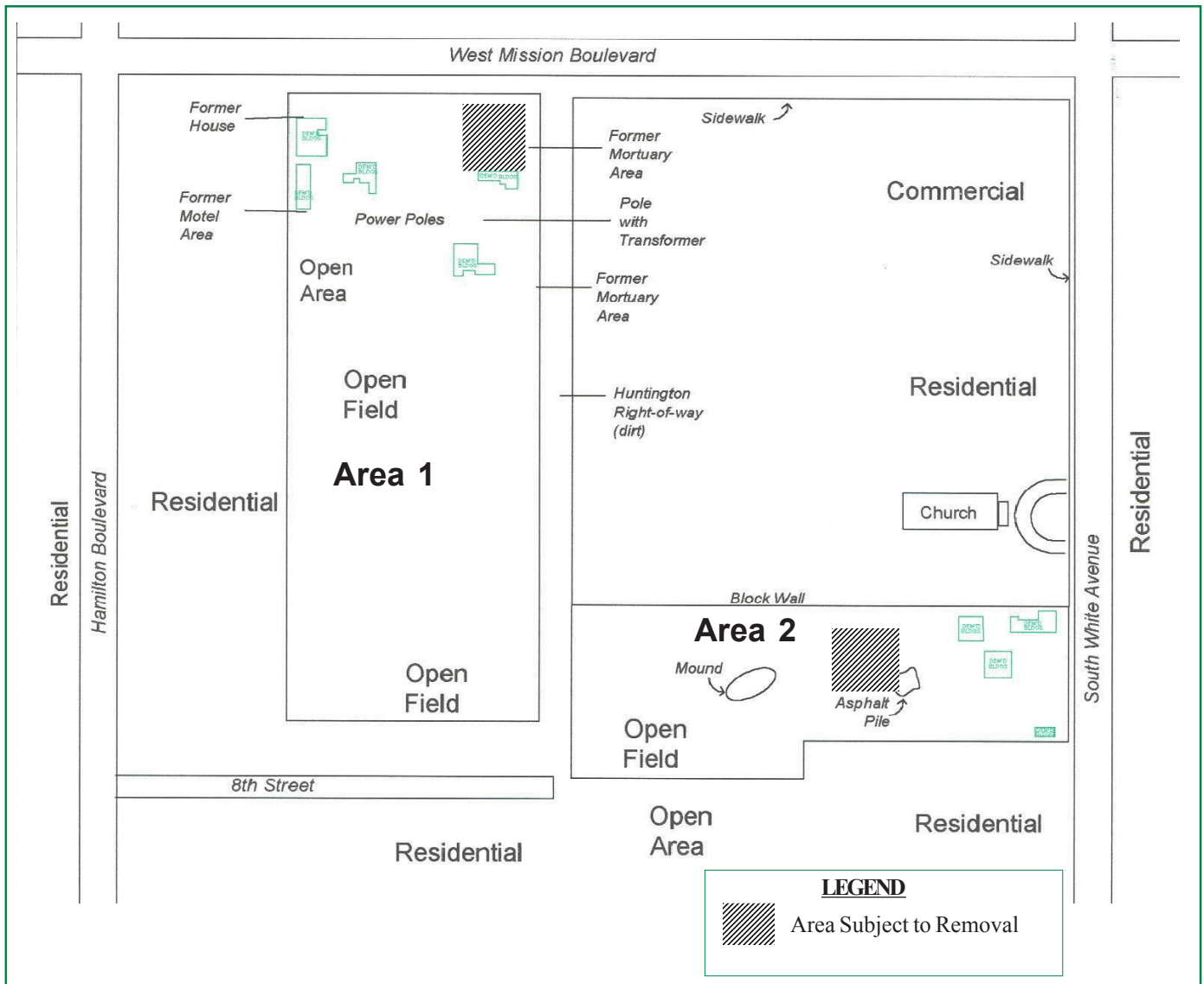
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By appointment only (916) 255-3758

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378) and ask to speak to Ms. Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651

Meeting Accessibility

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651.



For More Information

We encourage you to contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this project.

If you would like more information or have questions on the Draft RAW or NOE, please contact Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager at (916) 255-6527 or email Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions regarding the public participation process, contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or email Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. For media questions, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer at (818) 551-2176 or email Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Glossary

Dieldrin - As defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Dieldrin is an insecticide and a probable human carcinogen. From the 1950s until 1970, Dieldrin was a widely used pesticide for crops like corn and cotton. Because of concerns about damage to the environment and potential human health affects, in 1974 US EPA banned all uses of Dieldrin, except to control termites. In 1987, USEPA banned all uses.

Mailing List Coupon

If you have any comments concerning the proposed School site for the Pomona Unified School District or if you would like to be placed on the Site specific mailing list, please take a moment to fill out the information below and mail it to Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC, Public Participation Branch, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number: Fax Number:

E-Mail:

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

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The public is invited to comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan for the proposed School located at West Mission Boulevard and South White Avenue.